

Trying to Land Roberts Cutler Handicappers Return of Peery.

A strenuous effort is being made by some of the leaders of the unterrified to induce B. H. Roberts to become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Each day's mail brings to Mr. Roberts scores of letters from diverse portions of the state importuning him in a similar strain.

This widespread clamor for Mr. Roberts, it is presumed, is based on the fact that he is so pre-eminently fitted to make the race on the anti-polygamy plank in the Democratic platform. Senator Dubois' views on the pro-Roberts agitation have not yet been heliographed to Zion, but he is not credited with having urged the boom in favor of the father of the celebrated twins. That the Democrats are sincere in their campaign for the extermination of polygamy is amply demonstrated by their enthusiasm for Mr. Roberts as the champion of the cause.

Mr. Roberts has not yet concluded to forage in the gubernatorial pasture, and his decision is awaited at the headquarters of the Young Men's Democratic Club with keen anxiety.

When Senator Smoot first grasped J. C. Cutler out of a sepulchral and apparently permanent obscurity and with perennial self-adulation made him his personal candidate for the governorship, there was a great excitement and a flurry among the politicians who believed that with the Provo apostolic support there was no chance to defeat the manager of the North Main street tailoring establishment.

But there has since come a change in the views of political workers, who on calmer reflection realize that the lofty senator from Provo is not necessarily politically omnipotent, and that the success of Mr. Cutler would mean the installation of a personal state machine for Mr. Smoot, with the handsome features of the heavenly twins, Callister and Anderson, leering over the switchboard.

That is a prospective fate which the independent members of the party purpose to combat fiercely. They find it difficult to determine why a political machine manipulated by Senator Kearns would be less satisfactory than similar mechanism dominated by Senator Smoot, aided and abetted by Callister and Anderson.

The fight of the faction which opposes the senior Senator is no more bitter than the factional warfare which has been waged for many months against the vaunted and obnoxious leadership of Callister and Anderson. The virulence of the opposition to them was amply demonstrated in the last municipal campaign, when W. F. James was defeated for the mayoralty nomination, a defeat which was due primarily and essentially to the fact that Callister and Anderson were the sponsors for Mr. James' candidacy. They have been politically loyal only to a favored clique, all Mormons, among whom it is their

ambition to confine the political preferment of the Republican party. It is easy enough to establish evidences of this, but no more is needed than their treacherous abandonment of D. H. Wenger, when the judge was a candidate for a judicial nomination. Both were politically indebted to Judge Wenger, whom they placed at the head of the James movement, while shielding themselves behind a whispered advocacy of his cause. Notwithstanding all their facile promises, at the convention they deserted Mr. Wenger, and devoted all their energies toward the nomination of one of their own ecclesiastical coterie, Judge Tanner, who was fortunately defeated.

Their intimate connection with and leadership of the Cutler campaign will be one of the severest handicaps under which the manager of the tailoring establishment will be forced to labor, and many people who were at first favorably disposed toward the tailor are now openly opposing him as a rebuke to the Twins. The election of a tool for Governor, with Callister and Anderson as the premiers of the state administration, is a menace to which the Republicans, of this county in particular, will not succumb without a struggle. As managers for Mr. Cutler they are already actively proselyting among the Saints in the outside counties, and Mr. Cutler has been induced to open a political barrel, the proceeds of which are being used by hired political workers in the distant counties. That is the method by which they expect to enthrone themselves. When similar tactics are resorted to by Kearns it is called debauchery and the corrupt use of money to secure delegates to the convention, but in the case of Cutler, it is merely "defraying legitimate expenses of the campaign."

No candidates can carry this county with Callister and Anderson as his campaigners, with a background of Eiffel Tower Smoot, and it is safe to predict that whatever Mr. Cutler's showing may be on the outside, he will present a meager front here. A vote for Cutler in the convention will be a vote for misused ecclesiastical influences and the Heavenly Twins.

A very interesting political duel is in progress at Weber between Dr. A. S. Condon and Willy William Glasmann. The doctor rightly believes that if Glasmann has the unblushing effrontery to aspire to a seat in the United States Senate, he himself is very eligible for a similar distinction. There has been a long-standing feud between the doctor and the pencil destroyer, and Dr. Condon will probably have the satisfaction of placing a compound fracture in Glasmann's plan to control the Weber County delegation. It has been suggested that the differences between the amiable Weberites be decided by a stone-throwing contest at a hundred paces.

It is said that Congressman Howell has been doing some active campaigning in Cache county on behalf of Mr. Cutler. If this be so, Mr. Howell is showing extremely poor political judgment and endangering his own chances for a renomination. Both Wells and Hammond have a good following there, and it appears possible that the Congressman's unwise activity may result in the loss of

an important portion of the delegation of that county. Besides this, H. Bullen, Jr., of Cache, is now a candidate for Secretary of State, and may assist in winning over a large portion of the delegation. Although there is no other announced candidate for Congress at present, this would endanger Mr. Howell's political skirmish line, and something that would be a source of great grief to the Congressman may happen at the coming state convention.

Now that the first stage fright occasioned by Mr. Smoot's launchment of the Cutler candidacy has passed away, there has been a notable increase of sentiment in favor of Governor Wells and Secretary Hammond, with the present Executive leading by an appreciable margin. Their strength is being augmented by the fact that some of the tricks being resorted to by the Smoot-Callister-Anderson political trust are being exposed. They confess that they are willing to sacrifice everything else for the Governorship, and in carrying out this policy are promising numerous candidates, some of whom aspire to the same office, the Cutler support in return for a similar favor. For instance, friends of Morgan Richards of Iron county, John DeGray Dixon of Utah and H. Bullen of Cache, all of whom are candidates for Secretary of State, have all been promised the Smoot assistance in return for their support of Cutler. Similar proposals have been made to the candidates for the Supreme Judgeship, for Attorney General and other offices. Now the inevitable comparing of notes has occurred, and much wrath which will react against Cutler has been exhibited by the deceived politicians.

In case B. H. Roberts refuses to accept the Democratic gubernatorial nomination as advocate of the enforcement of the anti-polygamy plank, an effort will be made to have Richard W. Young's name at the head of the state ticket. Neither of these gentlemen seems very enthusiastic about heading the Parker ticket in Utah.

National Committeeman D. H. Peery is back from New York with a new supply of Democratic ammunition, and is busily at work at headquarters with the other leaders of the local unterrified. Mr. Peery, during a brief visit to Esopus, was greatly impressed with the genial and dominating personality of Judge Parker, who, he says, towers above David B. Hill and other men of note with whom he general public is much more familiar. His impression is that Parker's chances for carrying New York are extremely bright.

J. U. Eldredge, Jr., chairman of the County Republican committee, authorizes a denial of the report circulated by certain ardent Cutler followers to the effect that Eldredge had made the statement that if either Wells or Hammond were nominated, the Republicans would lose Salt Lake county.

Judge Jacob Johnson has many friends, both in Sanpete county, where he lives, and in Salt Lake, working in his interest for the nomination for Attorney General.

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